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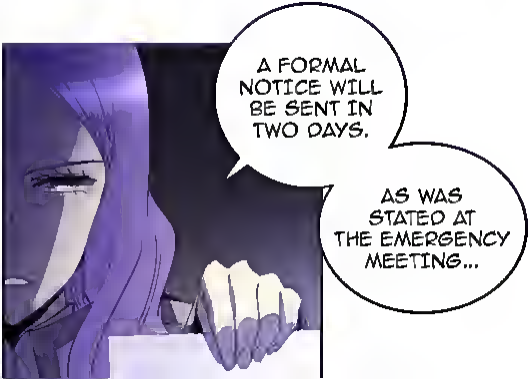
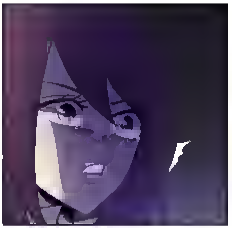
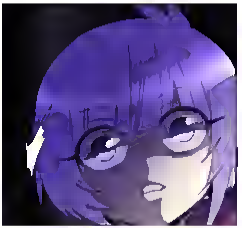
THE DISMISSAL OF THE CHIEF WITCH?!
ARE YOU TRYING TO GET ME TO RESIGN...?
YES. WE JUST HAD A VOTE.
IT PASSED WITH AN UNANIMOUS VOTE.
YOU ARE NO LONGER THE CHIEF WITCH.

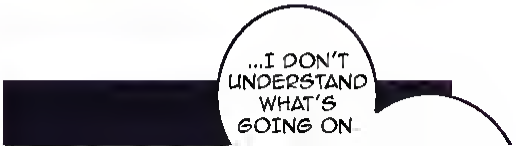
MS. HILEAH.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT MS. CIOLE IS SAYING.
FIRST YOU SAY THAT YOU HAD A MEETING IN THE MIDDLE OF NIGHT
NOW YOU'RE TALKING OF A DISMISSAL...


A FORMAL NOTICE WILL BE SENT IN TWO DAYS.
AS WAS STATED AT THE EMERGENCY MEETING...






...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON

WHAT IS THE REASON FOR TRYING TO DISMISS ME SO HASTILY?
I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE REASON MORE THAN ANYONE.

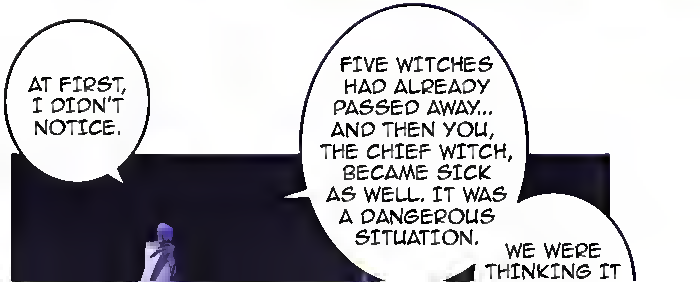
WHY DID YOU ILLEGALLY CONTACT WITH THE MEIN?

WHAT... ARE YOU SAYING?

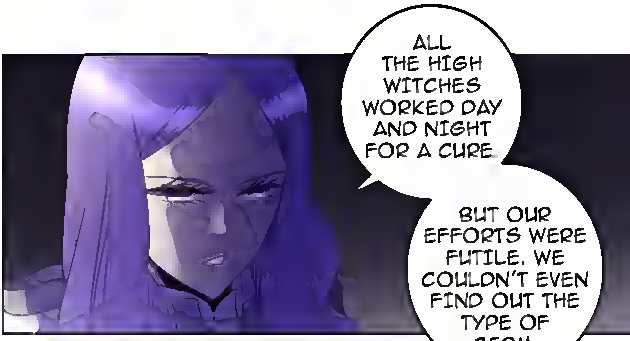
PLEASE DO NOT SEE US FOR FOOLS.
WE HAVE EVIDENCE.

SLICK
IT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES...

CHIEF WITCH,
POINT
YOUR BODY IS THE EVIDENCE.


AT FIRST, I DIDN'T NOTICE.
FIVE WITCHES HAD ALREADY PASSED AWAY.. AND THEN YOU, THE CHIEF WITCH, BECAME SICK AS WELL. IT WAS A DANGEROUS SITUATION.
WE WERE THINKING IT

WAS AN UNKNOWN GERM.


ALL THE HIGH WITCHES WORKED DAY AND NIGHT FOR A CURE.
BUT OUR EFFORTS WERE FUTILE. WE COULDN'T EVEN FIND OUT THE TYPE OF GERM.

AS TIME PASSED, YOUR CONDITION ONLY GREW WORSE.
WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACT ON OUR SECOND OPTION.
FLARE

TO GET THE HELP OF THE DEMON, MEPHISTOPHELES.

BECAUSE MEPHISTO IS THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO SHAPE-SHIFT DOWN TO A CELL'S SIZE.

MANY WITCHES VOLUNTEERED TO BRING THE DEMON.

BUT YOU CHOSE IRENE FOR THIS MISSION.

AFTER IRENE LEFT, THE REST OF US WENT BACK TO OUR LABS TO CONTINUE OUR SEARCH FOR A CURE.

THE SICKNESS... WAS NOT DUE TO A GERM.

A SUBSTANCE ABLE TO TRANSFORM THE BODY.
A VARIANT
A BRAND NEW SUBSTANCE
IT WAS A SUBSTANCE CAPABLE OF FUSING A MEIN AND A WITCH.

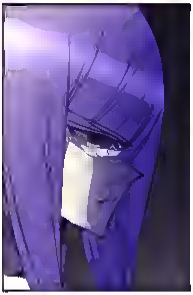
...WE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS FOR A LONG TIME.
THE TRUTH WE UNCOVERED... WAS THE SECRET PACT BETWEEN MEIN AND WITCH
BECAUSE IT MEANT THAT THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO HELPS MEIN AMONGST US.

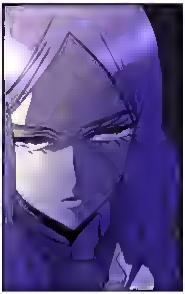
AND THE DOUBLE AGENT HAPPENS TO BE THE CHIEF WITCH...
WE DISCREETLY STARTED TO PREPARE
WE FIRST TOOK CARE OF MEPHISTO, HOPING WE WOULD HAVE TIME TO FINISH HIM LATER...

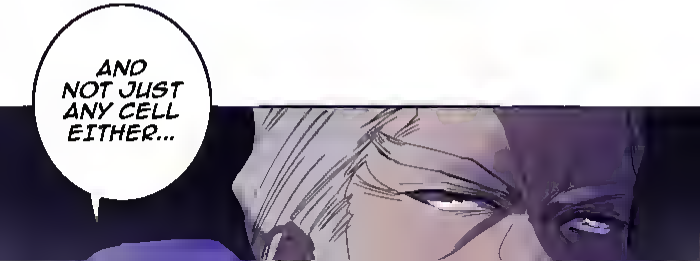
BUT AFTER THE EVENTS THAT UNFOLDED TODAY, WE DECIDED TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY MEETING.
IF... YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM YOUR INNOCENCE, PLEASE SHOW US PROOF.
SHOW US THAT YOUR BODY IS NOT FUSED WITH A MEIN—

THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT.

AS MS. CIOLE HAS STATED...
I HAVE FUSED MY BODY TOGETHER WITH A MEIN'S CELLS






AND NOT JUST ANY CELL EITHER...

THE CELLS I RECEIVED WERE THE GREAT MEIN TRADER OF SOULS AND NESK COMPANY CHAIRMAN, THE FIRST PLUTO...
THE MEIN GIRON'S

THE KNOWLEDGE OF A WITCH AND A BODY OF A MEIN
THE INCIDENT FROM 300 YEARS AGO
THIS IS WHAT RISELLA WAS RESEARCHING BACK THEN

I FOLLOWED HER RESEARCH FROM THAT POINT AND WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE IT.
THE MEIN THAT I AM WORKING WITH HAS HANDLED EVERY SITUATION THROWN HIS WAY...

AND WE NOW HAVE THE STRENGTH COMPARABLE TO THAT OF AN ANGEL OR DEMON.

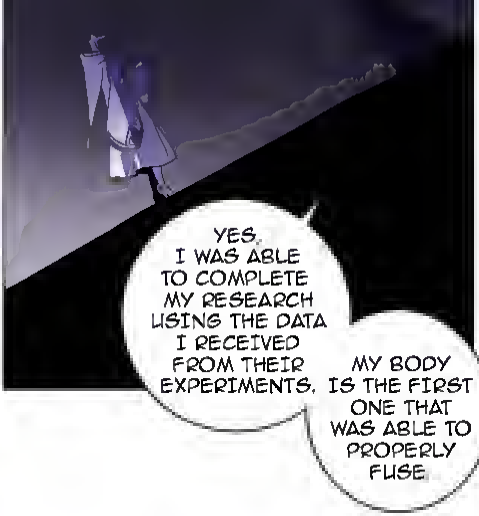
SOON, THE UNDERWORLD WILL HAVE A DRASTIC CHANGE.
AND EVERYONE IS GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE.
WALK HAND IN HAND WITH THE MEIN.
OR FIGHT.

MY DAUGHTER RISELLA FIGURED THAT OUT A LOT SOONER, AND COOPERATED WITH THE MEIN 300 YEARS AGO.

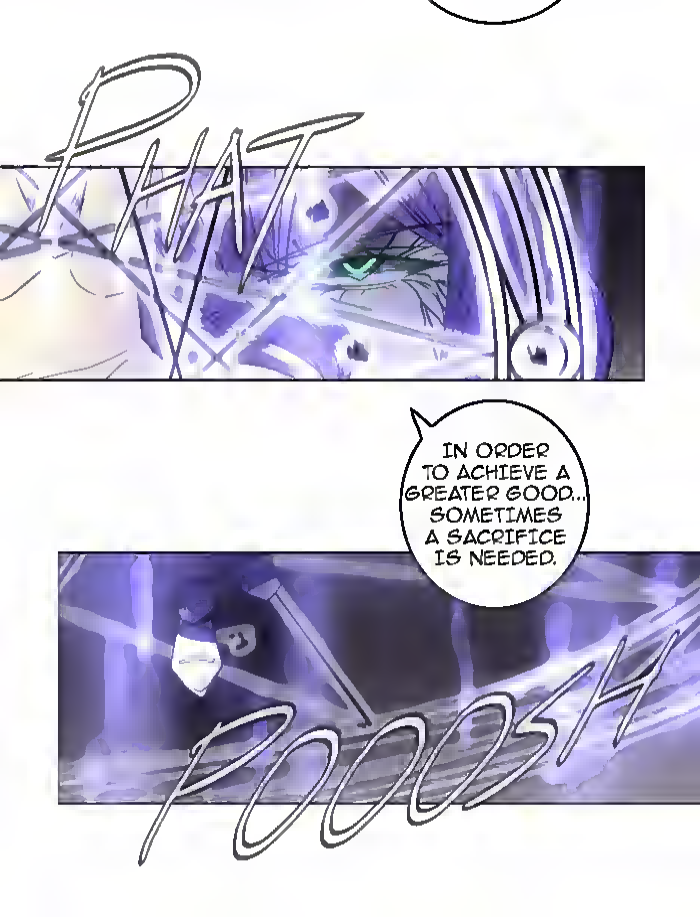
THINKING BACK, IT WAS A HARSH PUNISHMENT.
BUT I CONTINUED HER WORK.

FROM NOW ON, WE WILL DISCONTINUE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ANGELS AND FORM A NEW ONE WITH THE MEIN.
CLENCH

THEN...
WHAT ABOUT THE FIVE WITCHES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF YOU?
WERE THEY JUST YOUR TEST SUBJECTS?
DID YOU SACRIFICE THEM IN ORDER TO COMPLETE YOUR RESEARCH?


YES. I WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE MY RESEARCH USING THE DATA I RECEIVED FROM THEIR EXPERIMENTS.
MY BODY IS THE FIRST ONE THAT WAS ABLE TO PROPERLY FUSE.

SLICK
EVERY WITCH WILL BECOME LIKE MINE AND BE FUSED TOGETHER WITH A MEIN.
IN HONOR OF THE SACRIFICE OF THE FIVE WITCHES... WE MUST CREATE A NEW, BETTER WITCH FAMILY.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IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A GREATER GOOD... SOMETIMES A SACRIFICE IS NEEDED.
POOOSH

BLACK MAGIC
SHACKLE OF DEATH
SHOOOSH

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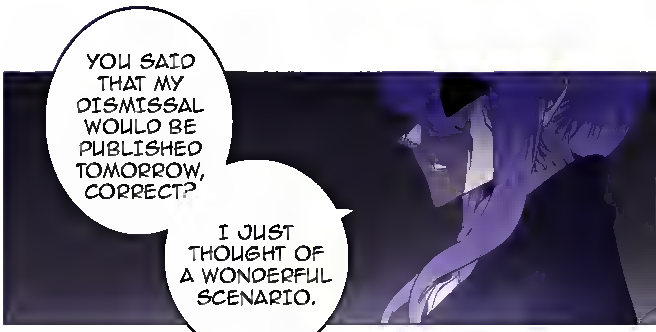
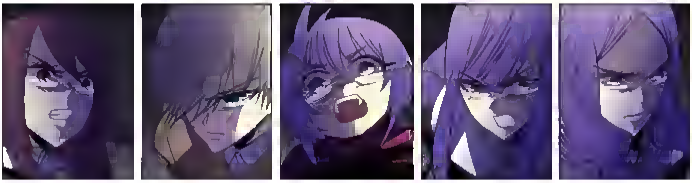
THIS IS...!!
AFTER MY FUSION WITH THE MEIN, MY BODY AND POWERS HAVE BECOME MUCH GREATER
EVEN WITH TEN TOP WITCHES, YOU WOULD NOT ESCAPE MY MAGIC


YOU SAID THAT MY DISMISSAL WOULD BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW, CORRECT?
I JUST THOUGHT OF A WONDERFUL SCENARIO.

DUE TO THE ACTIONS OF THE DEMON...

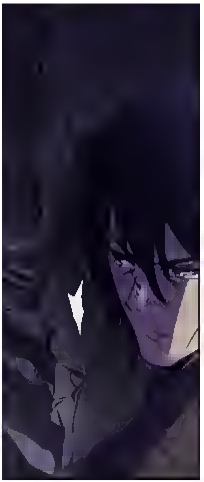
CIOLE, ALONG WITH THE OTHER WITCHES, WERE ALL MURDERED.

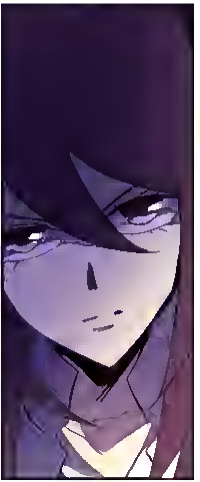


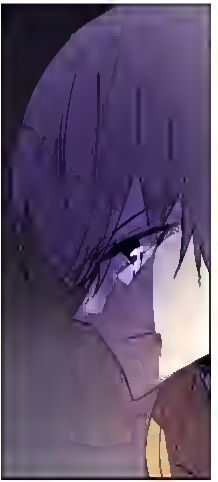
I'M SURE EVERYONE WOULD BE ABLE TO BELIEVE SUCH A SCENARIO

YOU'RE GOING TO BLAME WHO?
WHY DON'T YOU KEEP TALKING?

LAREE





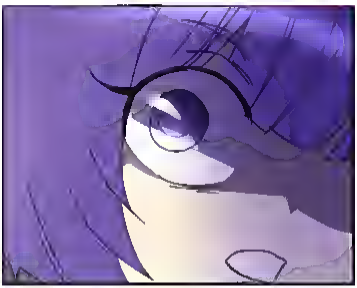


MEPH...
MEPHISTOPHELES?!
HOW...?!!!

ODD, HUH?
I WAS
CERTAINLY
SLEEPING...
FLARE

BECAUSE YOU WERE ABLE TO SMELL THE ANTIDOTE...

IT WAS A BIT UNCONVENTIONAL, BUT...



IT'S SIMILAR TO THE "DREAM SLEEP" SPELL THAT PUT MEPHISTO TO SLEEP.
THE ANTIDOTE THAT IRENE CREATED IS JUST THE SAME. IT HAS GAS PROPERTIES.

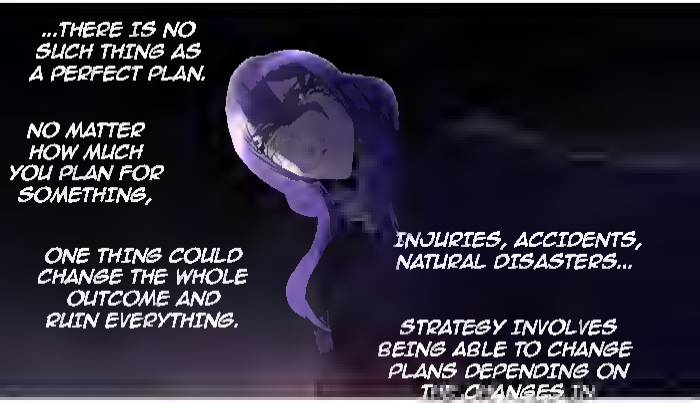
THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO BOTTLE UP THE GAS AND LET MEPHISTO SMELL IT TO WAKE HIM UP
BUT IT BECAME IMPOSSIBLE TO BOTTLE AND BRING THE ANTIDOTE IN THAT SITUATION..

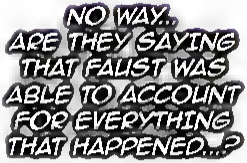
FAUST WAS PREPARED EVEN FOR THIS SCENARIO.
IN THE CASE WE ARE UNABLE TO BRING THE ANTIDOTE WITH US, LET THE ANTIDOTE SPILL INTO THE SEWERS...
THE SEWER SYSTEM IS LIKE A SPIDER'S WEB, CONNECTED ALL THROUGHOUT AND MAKING IT EASY TO SPREAD THROUGH A BIG AREA.

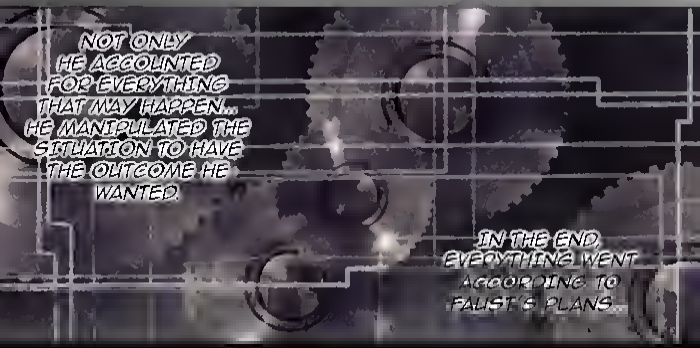
EVEN HERE, WHERE MEPHISTO WAS ASLEEP.
FAUST CHOSE THAT POTION LAB OUT OF MANY FOR THAT VERY REASON
BECAUSE THAT LAB IS CONNECTED TO THIS ROOM BY SEWER

THE ANTIDOTE FINALLY MADE ITS WAY HERE... AND MEPHISTO WAS ABLE TO WAKE UP.

IT WAS A CONTINGENCY PLAN.
EVERYTHING WENT EXACTLY AS FAUST PLANNED.

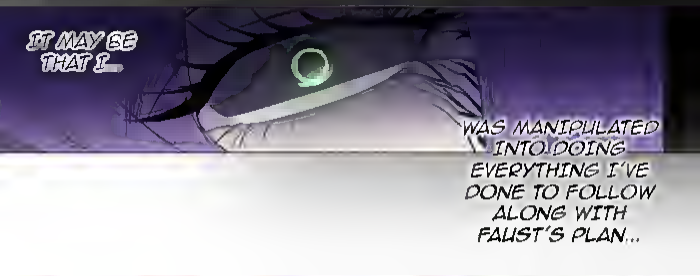

...THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PERFECT PLAN.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PLAN FOR SOMETHING,
ONE THING COULD CHANGE THE WHOLE OUTCOME AND RUIN EVERYTHING.
INJURIES, ACCIDENTS, NATURAL DISASTERS...
STRATEGY INVOLVES BEING ABLE TO CHANGE PLANS DEPENDING ON THE CHANGES IN THE SITUATION


NO WAY...
ARE THEY SAYING THAT FAUST WAS ABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED...?


NOT ONLY HE ACCOUNTED FOR EVERYTHING THAT MAY HAPPEN... HE MANIPULATED THE SITUATION TO HAVE THE OUTCOME HE WANTED.
IN THE END, EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO FAUST'S PLANS...

AN ABILITY TO THINK OF INFINITE SCENARIOS.

'PROPHET'



PERHAPS,
THE ONE THAT I NEEDED TO
TAKE CARE OF FIRST WAS...
NOT THE DEMON...
BUT FAUST...

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